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APPLE MARY



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TEACHER, I'VE  
USED UP ALL  
MY INK!



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## DURANGO KID

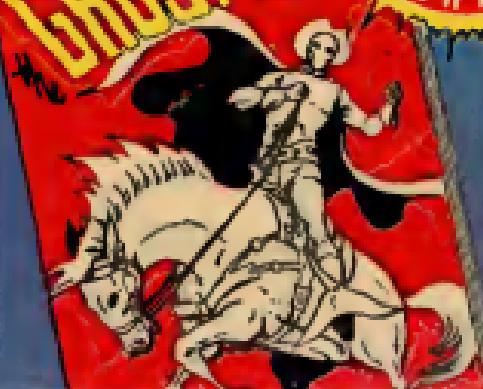


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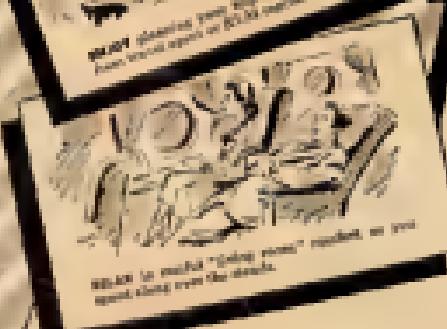


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# STRAIGHT ARROW

He has the face of a fiend—  
the strength of a giant! All  
lived in terror of this dangerous  
warrior who hated every living  
thing. Until STRAIGHT ARROW  
came to fight against darkness,  
to wage war against hate! Yes,  
a deadly battle against evil  
began when STRAIGHT ARROW

LOOKED INTO

## THE FACE of the DEVIL!

IN AN APACHE VILLAGE  
THERE LIVED A MAN SO  
UGLY HE WAS CALLED  
"DEVIL-FACE" ...

"AHM,  
THERE GOES  
DEVIL-FACE!"

"OH, I  
CANNOT  
READ TO  
SET EYES ON HIM!"

"GO AWAY,  
UGLY ONE!"  
SAID HE

THE WOMEN DESPISED HIM.  
THE CHILDREN TAUNTED HIM.

"LOOK, THERE'S  
DEVIL-FACE!  
LETS THROW  
STONES AT  
HIM!"

"YAH, YAH,  
DEVIL-FACE!  
YAH, YAH,  
UGLY ONE!"

"IT IS  
SAID HE  
IS THE  
TIN SPUNCHER!"

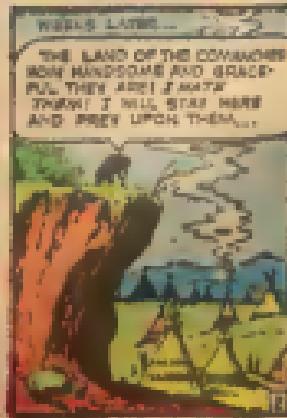
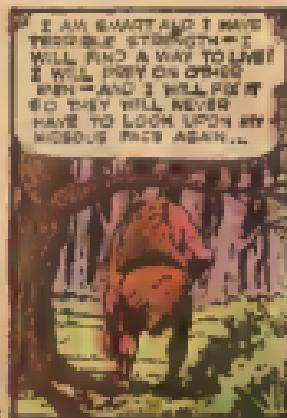
THE MEN HAD NO USE FOR  
HIM ...

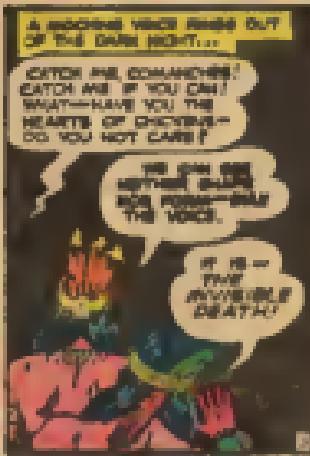
"WHAT  
WOLF  
WANT TO  
GO ALONE  
ON THE  
HUNT WITH  
US?"

"NOT DEVIL-  
FACE—YOU  
ARE TOO  
UGLY YOU  
WOULD  
DISGRACE  
US!"

"IMAGINE  
DEVIL-FACE  
COMING WITH  
GIRL FOR  
HUNT WITH US!"

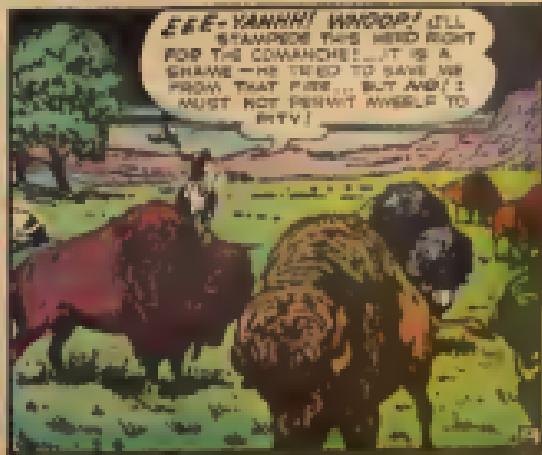
















# The DURANGO KID



WHEN YOUNG DAVE TEE YEARS OLD — AND THE BANDIT BAND WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM AND DAD — AND YOU'RE ALONE IN THE HIGH STRANGERS LAND — AND YOU'VE PLUNGED YOURSELF TO A GRIM, DREADFUL VENGEANCE — IT'S A MIGHTY TOUGH WORLD, DURANGO! BUT — WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SWORN CODE IS PRINTED ON YOUR TEE, THEN "NEVER SAY DIE!"

BY ROBERT KIRK  
ART BY RICHARD ST. CLAIR

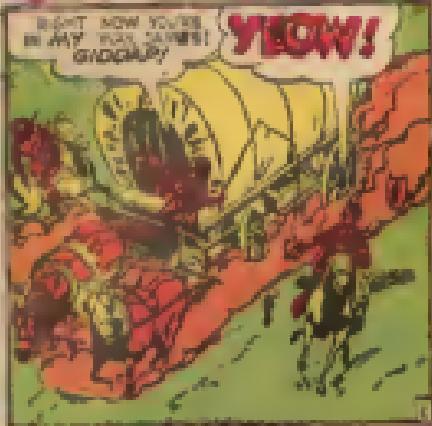
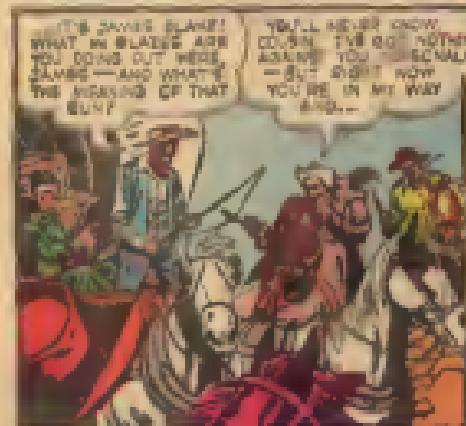


NEVER SAY DIE!  
DAD, I'M SCARED!  
I'M SCARED!  
I'M SCARED!  
I'M SCARED!



DAD, THE FEDS ARE COMING FROM THE BANDIT TRAIL AND THEY'LL BEAR DOWN ON YOU FROM THE TOWNS!







MAN TOLD ME TO BE STRONG AND BRAVE—  
AN' THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA BE! I'LL GET  
THOSE KILLERS—I'LL  
GET THEM SOMEHOW...

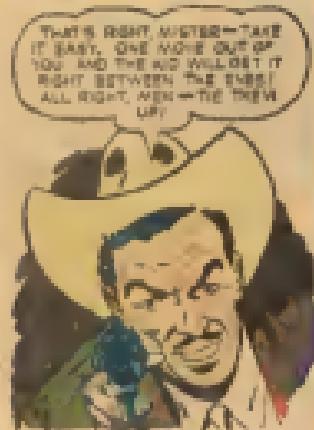
POPF—YOU HEARD I  
GOTTA END THE  
CUSAHO KID? I'LL  
HELP ME, I BET...  
SUSIE...

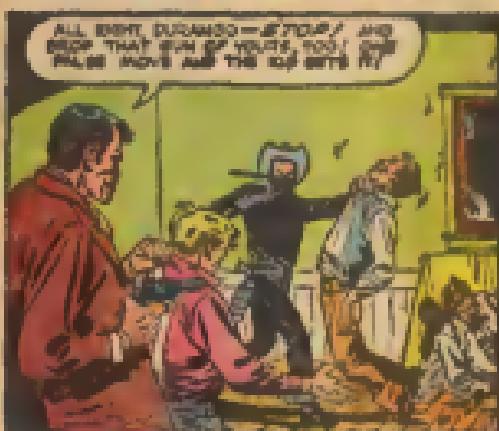
MAN HOUSE,  
MANY MILES  
MANY BUTTERS  
LATER...

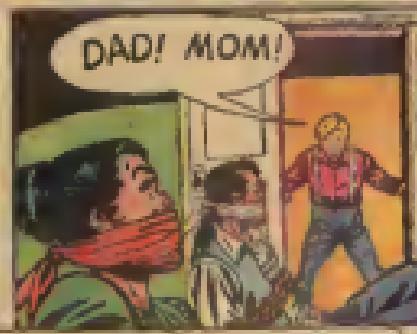
ONE KILLERS—ALL  
THAT FOOD I'M SO  
HUNGRY... I WONDERS  
HOW I COULD GET  
SOME OF THAT FOOD...











# **TIM HOLT**

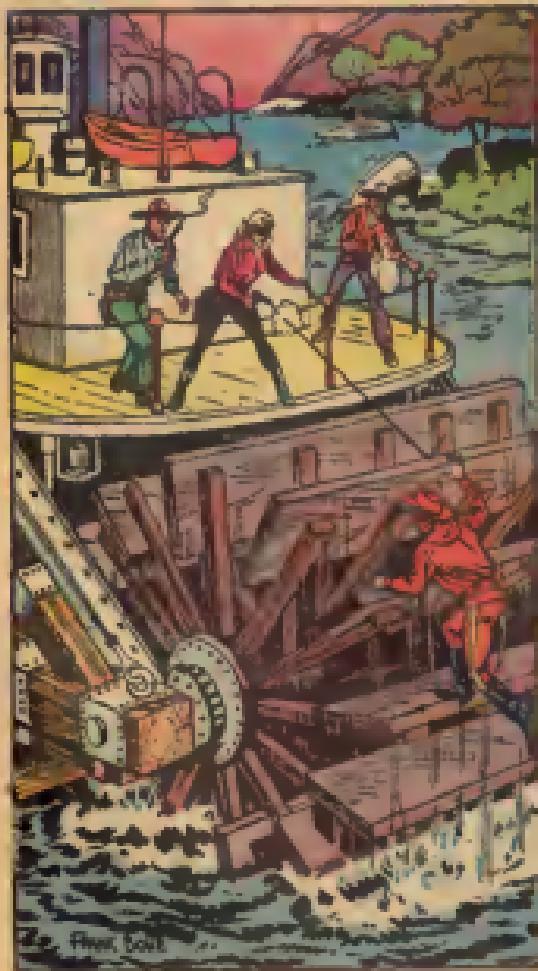
IT CAME CHASING UP THE RIVER,  
ITS PADDLEWHEELS SLOSHING  
WATER, CARRYING A CARGO OF  
DOOMED REBELS. FOR THE MEN  
AND WOMEN ABOARD THE  
MANHATTAN THEY WAITED FOR  
DEATH AT THE NIGHT-HOLE  
STOES IN THE SOUTHWEST—  
THE GRIM MAN-TRAP, THE  
ROCK WITH DISE ASSES.

AND WHEN APPREHENDED  
ATTEMPTED A DESK, HE  
FOUND HIMSELF EYE TO EYE  
WITH DOCTOR GENE BELL, AS  
HE FACED THE CRIMINAL.

## 'PERIL on the PADDLEWHEELER!'

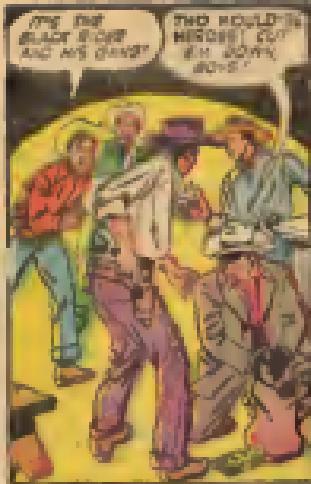
#### A GROWING BLASTIN THE MID-MORNING SUN IN A TROPICAL CITY (Part 1)

BACK AGAINST THE WALL! KEEP  
YOUR HANDS HIGH! THIS IS A  
POLICE STATION!



CHIEF- A CHIEF FROM  
AUGUST AND DECEMBER COMING ON.







THE PASSENGERS ARE LINED UP AND SYSTEMATICALLY DOBBED...



THE BOILER ROOM IS INVADED, AND THE CREW IS FORCED TO WORK UNDER THE HAMMOND MUSCLE OF A SHOTGUN...

KEEP WORKING!

WE AIM TO BREAK ALL RECORDS GETTING TO THAT BOUNDARY!



DOBBED AND TERRIFIED PEOPLE ARE HERDED INTO THEIR ROOMS...

YOU STAY IN HERE FROM NOW ON. TRY ANYTHING — AND YOU GET SHOTVED WITH THE CAPTAIN'S CAT-O-HORN TALES!

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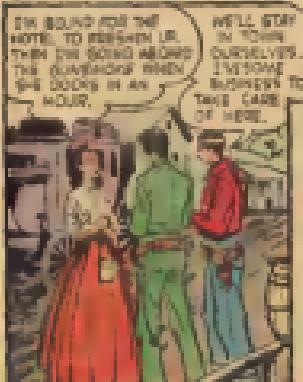


UNDID A PAIL OF FEED AND FEED, THE PRODLY WHEELER CHURNS TO-MORROW BULL...

BETTY LASHES WILL REACH HIM TO KNOCK HIS DOAD CROWN UP! YOU CAN JAB!



IN BULLET SOME DAYS LATER, AS THE STAGECOACH PULLS TO A HALT BEYOND THE HOME STATION...



BUT WHEN BETTY HAMMOND APPEARS ON THE DECK OF THE STAGECOACH...

KEEP COMING, MISS HAMMOND! I DON'T LOOK SMARTED OR AFRAID — OR YOUR FATE OUR CAPTAIN WILL BATT HIS HEAD OFF!



JUNI BETTY BARKHAM! VERY BRIGHT DAY — HOW THAT PRODLY WHEEL CAPTAIN WALKED CAN GO ABOARD!





SHOPPING, A PEAL OF LAUGHTER RINGS  
ACROSS THE HAMMERON TOWN BOUNDARY...



IN BULLET AS TWO OR THREE ARE SQUEEZED UP FOR THE RIDE  
TO HIS TRUCKED MOUNTAIN.



THE BLACK EYED IS A BADMAN - THE SAME  
WOMAN THAT WAS WITH THAT DOUBLEDEALER  
CAPTION ON THE STREET! COME TO THINK OF  
IT - WHERE WAS MATT HARWOOD AT THE  
TIME? GOT TO SEE HER -  
REGARD,



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SHE WENT ABOARD THE CRUISESHIP, BUT  
SHE DIDN'T COME BACK. SHE WOULDN'T HAVE  
LEFT HER MARRIAGE BEQUEST BEHIND  
HER. SHE EXPECTED TO  
MARRY THE CAPTAIN.



BUT IF THE BLACK RIDER IS KEEPING HER AT  
A MORTGAGE FOR THE CAPTAIN'S GOOD CONDUCT;  
IT ALL ADDS UP! GOT TO WARN THE CAVALRY  
AT THE PORT BY TELEGRAPHY! THAT MIGHT BE  
ABLE TO STOP THE BOAT...



ACROSS THE SAGE FLATS AND THE POKER  
WEEPS. THE NEXT MOMENTS LATER, A POKER  
GALLOP FROM PORT PACHIN.



AT THE END OF THE SWEETWATER, NEAR THE SAND BANKS

HE'S CAUGHT  
THE BUTTHEAT  
TO GET ABOARD.



GET BACK, YOU BLUEGOATE—  
ON EARTH WOMAN AND CHILD  
ON BOARD DON'T GO BACK—  
AND FORGET US!



IN THE CABIN, Sudden Hopes  
Are Dashed...

THEY'RE GIVING  
UP, MARTHA! THERE  
GOES OUR LAST  
CHANCE!

PROBABLY  
WE'LL ALL  
BE KILLED I  
KNOW IT!



A DARING CAVALRY CAPTAIN  
DRAWS THEM AS TWO BIRDS UP.

SHE THREATENED  
TO MURDER EVERY  
ONE ON BOARD!  
THAT'S A  
CIVIL!

THERE'S JUST  
ONE SMALL  
CHANCE LEFT  
BUT I'M  
GOING TO  
TAKE IT...



THE SWIMMING HOLE  
WILL HAVE TO  
GO SLOW, UNTIL IT CLEARS THE  
EDDIES, THAT GIVES ME A  
CHANCE TO SWIM OUT TO  
IT!



THE SWIMMING HOLE  
WILL  
HIDE ME JUST ENOUGH...



GOT TO SWIM THE GUIDE  
ROPE... CAN'T GO MORE THAN  
THAT... BUT THAT OUGHT TO  
DO THE TRICK...

HOW TO CHANGE INTO NEW CLOTHES—REMOVING CLOTHES—AND BOARD THEM UP TO A WHILE. SO WHILE THOSE BADGUYS ARE BUSY TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BADGUYS...



A TOUCH OF A BREEZE, A FART, AND LAND LIGHTNING HONKS OUTWARD OVER THE LASTLY SWINGING DICK...



THEY'RE SO SURPRISED—MAYBE THIS WILL WORK!



TWO GUYS FALL AS REDWATER GALLERS LIGHTNING TORWARD THE HOLD...



THE SHOTGUN GUARD GOES DOWN, AND A HORDE OF YELLOW-HENCH-FUL STOKERS FOLLOW REDWATER...

YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE—NOW TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!



TRUE ADVENTURE WHERE GUN MEETS SHOVEL, AND ARKIE HALLIE REPORTS A CROCODILE...



AND THEN...

WHEN THE PADDOLEWHHEELERS' SUGAR COATES WORE OUT, SHE KICKED, THROWING THE BLACK SKIN OFF HER FEET. MATTY AND I TOOK HER OUT AND TALKED HER INTO JUMP ON THE SHIP—AND CAME UP TO JOIN YOU.

THE BADGUYS WITH THE BADGUYS TO THE BADGUYS—THE BADGUYS WITH THE BADGUYS TO THE BADGUYS...



# THE GHOST RIDER

**Out of the fire  
WISTFUL COMES,  
SCOURING FIRE,  
ROARING ITS GLORY;  
MEN'S BLOOD CUMS  
COOL AT NIGHT AND  
SCOUND OF THE  
AWESOME COMBUSTION  
THAT RUNS THE PLACE  
OF NEED, & BURNING.**

ONLY THE GHOST  
PIPER HAS THE  
COURAGE TO FACE ITS  
FEARLESS MURDER  
AND LEAVE THE  
TERROURS OF DEATH  
AT THE CLAW OF

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THE MONSTERED HEIGHTS,  
THE CLOUDY PLATES BELOW,  
THE BLOWING MOUNTAINS,



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NO SANE MAN DARES IT'S HORROR.

THE ANARCHIST.  
A LITTLE LOVE

YOU DANCED  
FOOL! DON'T  
YOU KNOW  
SETTER'N TO  
WALK THE BLUFF  
TRAIL AT  
NIGHT!



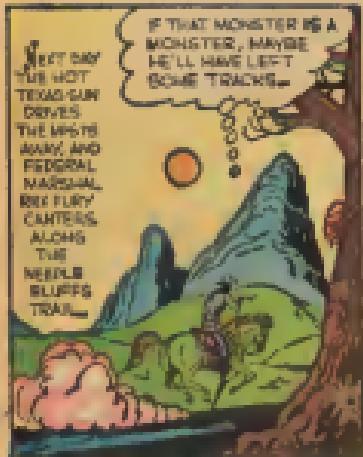


MINUTES  
LATER, AS  
THE GHOST  
RIDES  
THROUGH  
THE MISTS  
SHOOTING  
NEEDLE  
BLUES, THE  
MONSTER  
ROARS TO  
MIGHT  
WHA...



PERCHED AT THIS  
POSS BREATHING  
SOMETHING IN THE  
WINDS, SPECTER  
TAKE THE BIT IN  
HIS TEETH AND  
ROAR—!









IN BREWED TERROR, THE CRIMINALS AND VILERS HIDING OUT IN THE BLUFF CAVE TURN TO FLEE, BUT EVERYWHERE THEY GO ANOTHER MONSTER APPEARS—



AND THEN, AS THE GHOST RIDER VILERS TO PURGE THE GUNMEN, HIS FOOT SLIPS IN SPILLED OIL FROM THE STEAM THRONE MONSTER...







TRAPPED IN HIS BLACK CLOAK, THE GHOST RIDER LIES. ONLY HIS HANDS TO OVERTAKE THE GUNMAN. AFTER HE HAS SHOT OUT THE LAMPS...



Here it is fellas! send for it **NOW!**

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a new issue, it makes  
the other side bring up  
all their issues.

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